

FRIDAY BULLETIN

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ALASKA READY TO READ RESOURCE CENTER WEBSITE IS NOW LIVE!

The Alaska Ready to Read Resource Center website is now live! It is the web presence of the statewide Ready to Read service available to all Alaska libraries, day care centers, Headstarts, and other early childhood agencies through the Anchorage Public Library.

- Go to the Anchorage Public Library homepage at www.anchoragelibrary.org,
- at the top left corner, under Features, click on:
- "Ready to Read Resource Center Website"

The website explains everything you wanted to know about the project, but were afraid to ask. Please help promote the Ready to Read Resource Center by directing people to this website. Terri Chang of APL is the director of the project. (Hat tip to Sue Sherif)

TRYING TO TREAT BASKETS RIGHT

In a 7/17/2009 posting to her "Ellen Carrlee Conservation" blog at <http://ellencarrlee.wordpress.com/2009/07/17/high-molecular-weight-peg-for-basketry/>, Ellen provides detailed notes on her experiment in treating basketry fragments. Here is here introduction:

"PEG treatments for waterlogged archaeological basketry at the Alaska State Museum and published treatments for such basketry suggest that use of mostly low molecular weight PEG was not enough to impart the stability needed for study and exhibition. This experiment investigated the use of various concentrations of high molecular weight PEG. Testing included impregnation in both room-temperature solutions and solutions kept in a

60 degree F oven. Informed by these results, the Alaska State Museum decided to proceed with treatment using 55% PEG 3350.”

The entry is well illustrated with photographs and includes a bibliography for people interested in PEG based treatments.

AKLA CONFERENCE ATTRACTS RENOWNED SPEAKERS

This year AKLA will celebrate its 50th anniversary at the AKLA 2010 conference in Anchorage March 4-7, 2010. The conference, which will be held over Iditarod weekend, has attracted a host of notable speakers, including:

- Sherman Alexie – Award winning author. See more info at <http://www.fallsapart.com/>.
- Daniel Russell (Keynote) - Senior Research Scientist, Search Quality and User Happiness for Google. See more info at <http://sites.google.com/site/dmrussell/>.
- Chris Crutcher – Award winning author. See more info at <http://www.chriscrutcher.com/>.
- Jack Dalton – Yup'ik Storyteller. See more information at <http://www.ravenfeathers.com/>. Jack Dalton wowed folks attending the 2008 AkLA conference in Juneau.
- David Peterson – Author of Mouse Guard series. For more information see <http://www.mouseguard.net>.

Anchorage librarians are looking forward to welcoming you to Anchorage for the 2010 conference and the 50th anniversary of the Alaska Library Association. The conference opens on Thursday, March 4th with a day of pre-conferences, tours and speaker Sherman Alexie. For more information check out the conference website at: <http://www.akla.org/anchorage2010/index.html>. (Hat tip to Susan Mitchell)

2009 TRIBAL ARCHIVES, LIBRARIES & MUSEUMS CONFERENCE

\$200 early registration closes on July 31st. Regular registration will open August 1st and run through October 3rd and will be \$250. Limited On-Site Registration may be available after October 4th for \$275. Registration includes breakfast and lunch for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, dinner is on your own. A draft Program-at-a-Glance along with detailed Session Descriptions are available on-line. Please take note of the wonderful line-up of Pre-Conference Workshops, Keynote Speakers and Off-Site events the 2009 Streams Conference Planning Committee has arranged for you in Portland, Oregon. AND, it is not too late to consider having an Exhibitors Booth, Advertise in the Conference Program or, consider a variety of Sponsorship Opportunities! To register, or for more information on any of these topics please visit www.tribalconference.org.

A Wiki has been established for the 2009 TALM Conference. To participate or for more information about Portland & the conference please visit <http://talm2009.pbworks.com/>.

The 2009 Streams of Language, Memory & Lifeways Conference Planning Committee and will be looking for you in Portland! (Hat tip to Sue Sherif)

NEW PUBLICATIONS FROM TONGASS NATIONAL FOREST

As part of its responsibilities as one of Alaska's seven Federal Depository Libraries, the Alaska State Library attempts to monitor new Alaska-related publications from federal offices based in Alaska. Here are two recent publications posted by the Tongass National Forest:

Wrangell Outfitter and Guide Management Plan EA (posted 07-17-09)

http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass/projects/Wrangell_Outfitter_Guide_EA/Wrangell_O_G_Management_Plan_EA_final.pdf

Staney Creek DN/FONSI (posted 07-15-09)

http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass/projects/stankeycreek/StaneyE&R1_DN_FONSI_web.pdf

For more on the Federal Depository Library Program, please visit

<http://www.gpo.gov/libraries/>.

SAA MEMBERS DEVELOP BEST PRACTICES FOR ORPHAN WORKS

A report on "Orphan Works: Statement of Best Practices" is available as a PDF on the Society of American Archivists (SAA)'s website at <http://www.archivists.org/standards/>. According to the U.S. Copyright Office, the problem of orphan works is pervasive and challenges those who are managing risk and liability when a copyright owner cannot be identified or located. The statement describes what professional archivists consider to be "best practices" regarding reasonable efforts to identify and locate rights holders. The report was produced by several SAA members, including: Heather Briston, Mark Greene, Cathy Henderson, Peter Hirtle, Peter Jaszi, William Maher, Aprille Cooke McKay, Richard Pearce-Moses, and Merrilee Proffitt. It was approved by the SAA Council on June 1. (Reprinted from Best Practices e-mail list) More information about orphan works in general may be found at <http://www.publicknowledge.org/issues/ow>.

IMLS CONSERVATION PROJECT SUPPORT APPLICATION AND GUIDELINES AVAILABLE ON IMLS WEB SITE

The Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) is accepting grant applications to the agency's FY 2010 Conservation Project Support (CPS) program. Application guidelines are available on the IMLS Web site at <http://www.imls.gov/applicants/grants/conservProject.shtm> and the application deadline is October 1, 2009.

The IMLS initiative, Connecting to Collections: A Call to Action, and the agency-funded report, A Public Trust at Risk, The Heritage Health Index Report on the State of America's Collections, highlight the dire need for conservation and collections care in American museums, and IMLS encourages all museums to consider submitting an application to improve the care of their collections. Through the Conservation Project Support program, the Institute awards matching grants of up to \$150,000 to help museums identify their conservation needs and priorities, and to help them ensure the safekeeping of their collections through the implementation of sound conservation practices.

The Institute funds conservation activities for all types of collections through six categories of Conservation Project Support activities:

- * General Conservation Survey
- * Detailed Conservation Survey
- * Environmental Survey
- * Environmental Improvements
- * Treatment
- * Training

For questions about the CPS program, contact Senior Program Officer, Christine Henry, 202-653-4674, chenry@imls.gov, or Program Specialist, Mark Feitl, 202-543-4635, mfeitl@imls.gov. (Hat tip to Pae Frederiksen)

MICHIGAN CLOSES DEPT OF HISTORY, ARTS AND LIBRARIES

Michigan Governor Jennifer Granholm officially closed the Department of History, Arts and Libraries with Executive Order No. 2009-36 dated 7/13/2009. The order can be found at http://www.michigan.gov/documents/gov/EO36_285881_7.pdf. The order takes effect 10/1/2009.

HIGH RESOLUTION ICE IMAGES BY SPY SATELLITE

In a press release dated 7/15/2009, the Department of the Interior announced the public availability of previously classified images of sea ice:

“The collection features more than 700 Arctic images including those from the Beaufort and Chukchi Seas that document changes in the extent of Arctic sea ice over a decade.” For more details visit http://www.doi.gov/news/09_News_Releases/071609.html.

STAYING SHARP AS WE AGE

Two things that libraries, archives and museums have in common are that we all have aging workforces and our work requires good amounts of brainpower. The July 2009 issue of Scientific American Mind has some surprising tips for staying mentally sharp as we age. The article is available at <http://www.scientificamerican.com/article.cfm?id=fit-body-fit-mind> and suggests that aerobic workouts and other exercise have an important role to play in ensuring we remain lifelong learners. (Hat tip to Freya Anderson)

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